

Tribal canoe journey to pass through Locks on July 31, 2006

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SEATTLE—More than 80 canoes and support vessels are scheduled to pass through the Ballard Locks July 31. The canoes are scheduled to leave Suquamish, Wash., at 6 a.m. and should arrive at the Hiram M. Chittenden Locks in Ballard by 10 a.m. The estimated time it will take to pass the canoes through the Locks is one to two hours.

The canoes will then travel through the ship canal and are scheduled to arrive at their final destination of Sand Point and Magnuson Park at around 3 p.m.

The staff at the Locks has been cooperatively working with the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, who is hosting the event, to make their passage through the Locks a safe experience.

The tribes will be escorted by the U.S. Coast Guard from Suquamish to the Locks and then by the Harbor police as they make their way to Sandpoint.

The dedicated staff at the Chittenden Locks safely passes about 67,000 vessels each year, making it the nation's busiest set of locks.

For more information about the Locks or locking through, please check the website at:  
<http://www.nws.usace.army.mil/PublicMenu/Menu.cfm?sitename=lwsc&pagename=mainpage>

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